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1. ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE
STATEMENT JAN 17 REFUTED SOMALI ALLEGATION THAT FORCES OF
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ETHIOPIA, CUBA AND SOVIET UNION WERE PLANNING AN INVASION
OF SOMALIA. STATEMENT MAINTAINED THAT THE SOMALI ALLEGATION
WAS A "BASELESS LIE" AND SUGGESTED THAT THE MOTIVATION
BEHIND IT "IS TO INVITE THE REACTIONARY RULING CLASSES
IN SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN TO TAKE SIDES WITH THE REGULAR
FORCES OF SOMALIA IN THEIR CONTINUING INVASION OF
ETHIOPIA."

2. JAN 18 GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY ALSO FRONT-PAGED AN
AFP RELEASE, DATELINED MOSCOW, STATING THAT THE SOVIET
PRESS WAS IGNORING SOMALIA'S ALLEGATION, BUT HAD
RAPPED NATO AND US FOR ARMING SOMALIA. RELEASE QUOTED
PRAVDA AS DENOUNCING SEVERAL NATO COUNTRIES AND US FOR
CONTINUING TO SEND ARMS TO SOMALIA AND QUOTED TASS
DESCRIPTION OF CARTER STATEMENTS AS "INCONGRUOUS" THAT
SOVIET UNION WOULD PARTICIPATE IN WAR BETWEEN ETHIOPIA
AND SOMALIA WITH CUBAN HELP. TASS ALSO ATTACKED US FOR
ENCOURAGING SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN TO SUPPLY ARMS TO SOMALIA.
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